

Maine EMS Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2007, 9:30 A.M.  
De Champlain Conference Room  
Maine Department of Public Safety, Augusta, ME

Present: Dan Batsie - Chair, Brian Chamberlain, Rhonda Chase, Tiffany Stebbins, Bill Zito, Daryl Boucher (videoconference)

Absent: S. Diaz, B. Zito, M. Barter, D. Cornelio, B. Davis, D. Robishaw, S. Stewart-Dore, J. Wellman, P. Farrington, R. Overlock, S. Latullipe, D. Russell

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Drexell White

Guests: Liz Delano, Patrick Underwood

I. Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Batsie

II. Introductions/ Public Comment

None required

III. Additions to Agenda

None

IV. Acceptance of Past Minutes

October & November 2006 and January 2007 Minutes were reviewed

**Motion: To accept the October 2006 and January 2007 meeting minutes (Chamberlain; second by Overlock – carries unanimously)**

V. Unfinished Business

a. 12 Lead ECG Project

Dan Batsie reported that the Board had approved the objectives for 12 lead training as submitted by the committee, but that due to concerns from the Ops Team about the reciprocity for current 12-lead paramedics, that section of the recommendation was tabled. The Ops Team will address the reciprocity issue at its next meeting.

b. PIFT Roll-out Update

Dan Batsie reported that Scott Smith is finalizing the latest version (1.3). PIFT Instructor updates will be held on 4/19, 20, and 25.

### c. CPAP Update

Dan Batsie reported that 2 additional services have been added to the project, bringing the total to 12 services. He noted that there are now 168 records in the CPAP database.

### d. NAAK Project

Dan Batsie reported that the Ops Team had reviewed the NAAK kit education model from the committee. Following Ops discussion, it was concluded that the kits and training are universal enough that the educational material could be put out as a resource to services, with the service being responsible for requesting the kits from Maine EMS and ensuring that the service's personnel are trained.

### e. Protocol Revisions to Date and Impact

Dan Batsie reported that the proposed changes to the Maine Ems pre-hospital treatment protocols represent major changes that would require significant education and resources. He suggested "getting out ahead" of the issue by dividing up protocol revisions to committee members and having members report back on the educational requirements needed to institute the protocol.

Jay Bradshaw suggested creating a spreadsheet to track:

- The protocol revision proposed;
- Education Requirements for proposed revisions;
- Time and resources required;
- Cumulative effect of revisions on education and training.

### f. EMT-Intermediate Curriculum Review

In that Maine EMS is without an Education and Training Coordinator, Dan suggested and the committee agreed that the EMT-I Curriculum review should be put on hold until a new Coordinator is onboard.

### g. Accreditation Review

Daryl reported that he and Dennis Russell had:

- Compared rules and CAAHEP Standards
- Identified Commonalities

He indicated that the next steps and questions to be answered include:

- Assessing Quality
- How can we ensure the best qualified instructors
- Creation of a standardized approval process
- Regulation – State compared to region
- Does the current regional approval process = regulatory function?

VI. New Business

a. Work Plan for Future

It was suggested that education and training resources be included on the Maine EMS website.

b. Education Plan Vision - Placeholder

c. Distance Learning and Licensure Programs

Dan reported that the Ops Team had been notified that York County Community College is pursuing a distance learning model for its Intermediate program.

d. Other

There was brief discussion about IC classes and the possibility of establishing a two-tier system for ICs, one level to function essentially as instructors, with the other level being actual course coordination.

VII. Staff Report

Jay reported that the Education and Training Coordinator position has been posted and will remain open until May 19, 2007. Drexell will serve as the Education point person during the time that the position remains vacant.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting will be on May 9, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White